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## Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, On September 21, 1886, the Western Town Lot Company purchased land; on December 6, 1886, A. K. Gault surveyed, staked out and platted that land; and the town of Turton was born; and,

WHEREAS, The first residence in Turton was built by Ferdinand LaBrie in 1887, and Turton's first child, Bertha LaBrie, was born in this home on March 4, 1887; and,

WHEREAS, As South Dakota gained statehood in 1889, the first school opened in Turton, with Ella Engler conducting classes; and,

WHEREAS, In 1907, Turton was officially incorporated by trustees Peter Fortin, David Kissack, E. S. Morris, C. F. Lucas and E. A. LaBrie; and,

WHEREAS, During its first one hundred years, Turton encountered such hardships and tragedies as the blizzard of 1888; the tragic influenza epidemic of 1892; and fires in 1910, 1911, 1913, 1929 and 1932, proving that good people can overcome adversity with strength and perseverance; and,

WHEREAS, The 102 citizens of Turton will be celebrating their community's centennial June 20 through 22, beginning with the annual St. John's Day festivities, and continuing through the next two days with a road race, a parade, a craft fair, a carnival, an all-school reunion banquet, a street dance, and religious services; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of the milestones in the lives of South Dakota's communities:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 20-22, 1986, as

TURTON CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DAYS

in South Dakota.



Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Six

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR